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Air India Flight with Women Crew
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India (AI) introduced flight with all-women crew and applied for an entry in Guinness World Record and an entry in the Limca Book of Records to mark this feat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the celebrations held on the occasion of International Women"s Day so far; and

(c) the steps being taken by AI to operate similar flights on some domestic and international routes in future?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Air India has operated the historical flight with an all-woman crew ahead of International Women"s Day. Air India has also applied for the Guiness Book as well as Limca Book of Records in this regard.

The flight AI 173 had taken off from IGI Airport in Delhi on 27th February 2017 to San Francisco covering a distance of around 15300 km in 15 and a half hours over the Pacific route and on the return journey from San Francisco over the Atlantic. AI 174 from San Francisco touched down Delhi on 3rd March 2017 after flying across the globe donning yet another feather to Air India"s cap in its constant endeavour to encourage women.;

The cockpit and cabin crew, check-in and ground handling staff, and the engineers who certified the aircraft were all women. The entire flight was operated by the women staff .The Air Traffic Controllers who cleared the departure and arrival of the aircraft were also women. In addition, for different sectors various all women flights (38 flights) were also organized to commemorate International Women"s Day.;

On the occasion of International Women"s Day, a function for and by women was organized on the theme "Tejaswini - Anant Urja" (covering Cultural Programme /talent show by female employees, short talks on Women Empowerment & Women Health) on 8th March, 2017.;;

(c): Air India operates/plans to operates such flights on regular occasions, but more so close to women"s day to showcase Women Empowerment.